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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has signed the act repealing the statute prohibiting the appointment to the army and navy of persons who held confederate

THE senate committee on judiciary has decided upon a favorable report for the voluntary bankruptcy bill. The bill will be reported to the senate on the 13th inst.

DURING the past few weeks Secretary Carlisle has received numerous letters asking enlightenment on his intentione as to being a candidate for the presi-dency and it was reported from Washington as being probable that the an-nouncement of his candidacy might come in the form of a reply to one of these letters.

THE river and harbor appropriation bill was finished on the 3d by the house committee which has been working on it most of the session. The total amount carried by the bill is a few thousand less than \$10,000,000, or about \$1,000,000 below the bill of the last congress.

SECRETARY CARLISLE has written a letter to Charles R. Long, chairman of the Kentucky democratic central committee, on the subject of his (Carlisle's) candidacy for the presidency in which the secretary said that he was more concerned about the party's platform on the money question than he was about being a candidate for the presidency, but that he would regard an indorsement by Kentucky of his services with great favor. The Louisville Courier-Journal calls on Kentucky to indorse Secretary Carlisle and nominate him for the presidency.

A WASHINGTON dispatch on the 5th stated that the campaign for the re-publican presidential nomination had advanced so far that it seemed more than probable that William McKinley would enter the convention with a majority of uncontested delegates, organize the convention and obtain the nomination on the first ballot. The managers of the opposing candidates, however, do not concede that there will be a nomination on the first or even the second ballot.

GENERAL NEWS.

"BRICK" POMEROY, the noted printer and editor, was reported dying of dropsy at Blythebourne, L. I., on the

MR. CHARLES DITTMAN, of the wholesale tobacco firm of Dittman & Voneiff, of Baltimore, Md., has returned from a trip to Havana and does not take a rosy view of the situation in Cuba. He said on the 2d that the outlook for the tobacco interest was most discouraging and that the effect of the war in Cuba would presently be felt in the United States in a material advance in

FLAMES started on the Brunswick & Western railroad wharves at Brunswick, Ga., and in an hour the wharves, two large warehouses and a number of cars full of freight were consumed, ontailing a loss of \$200,000. The fire then extended to the Downing company and consumed their stores, valued at \$300,-000. Thirteen other stores were also burned with their contents, worth about \$100,000, and the Ocean hotel was damaged to the extent of \$20,000.

A NOVEL measure, aimed at high theater hats, was enacted into a law by the Ohio legislature on the 24. It provides that any manager permitting any person to wear a hat or other headgear in a theater obstructing the view. shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined \$10.

THE mulet law won a decisive victory on the 2d in the Iowa senate, the liquor manufacturing bill being defeated by a vote of 22 yeas to 27 nays. Following on the defeat of the question of the resubmission a few weeks the vote practically settles the prohibition fight in the state and permits liquor to be sold in the state, but forbids its manufacture therein.

SEVERAL men attempted to wreck the state capitol at Jackson, Miss., by

digging away a side wall.
Ar Lloyd, Wis., Charles Eastland William Keith were instantly killed by the explosion of a boiler.

A WELL dressed man about 40 years of age committed suicide on the 2d by jumping from the Adams street bridge at Chicago. Hundreds of people saw him, but none in time to prevent him from jumping. There was no clew to his identity

H. H. HOLMES, the convicted murderer of Philadelphia, has made a confession in which he tells how and why he put to death no less than 20 men, women and children. He writes as calmly and remorselessiy as he mury dered, neglecting no detail. It was well known that Holmes put 11 per-

sons out of the world.

THE free silver democrats of Iowa will make a determined effort to secure the democratic nomination for president for ex-Gov. Boies. He has tacitly admitted that he would accept the nomination if it was tendered to him.

A special from Thomson, the home of Tom Watson, the center of populist influence in Georgia, on the 5th said that it was practically assured that the republicans and populists in Georgia would fuse this year and put out candidates for state offices and for the United States senate.

THE clearing house returns for the week ended April 3 for the following cities were: New York, \$520.993,-037; Chicago, \$87,837,210; St. Louis, \$19,-944,899; Kansas City, \$8,740,613; St. Joseph, \$1,038,768; Topeka, \$290,835; Wichita, \$436,514; Omaha, \$3,808,882.

LETTERS received from the Canadian boundary report the death in Rainy river of Col. A. F. Naff, a United States deputy marshal, and an entire party of explorers, in all probably eight men. They were on their way to investigate reports of the timber stealing by Canadians along the boundary and were ascending the river in sleighs and broke through the ice.

THOMAS BRENNAN was burned to death while trying to put out a fire in a waste flume at Anaconda, Mont. About ten years ago he was champion sprinter of the world, having an estab-lished record of 19 seconds for 200 yards.

Ar Clinton, Ill., on the 3d Ed Polen, formerly employed at the Illinois Cen-tral railroad, murdered his wife and mother-in-law and then attempted suicide by throwing himself in front of an eastbound freight train. Jealousy was given as his reason for committing the horrible deed. At night a great crowd of excited citizens assembled in front of the jail, but Mayor McGill addressed them and said Polen would die of his injuries and the crowd finally dispersed.

According to Bradstreet's Financial Review on the 4th the first quarter of 1896 presented the largest list of actual failures in business in the United States, those in which liabilities exseeded assets, ever reported for a like period. The total was 4,512 or 700 more than in 1894, and 1,443 more than in the first quarter of 1893, increases of 18.11 and 47 per cent respectively. Liabilities of those failing this year amount to \$69,513,000, an increase of 30 per cent, as compared with a year ago.

W. H. J. TRAYNOR, of Detroit, Mich., supreme president of the American Protective association, has issued a circular to the order at large upon the political situation. He declared that the A. P. A. has a cinch upon the presidential situation, and presented an exhaustive plan for the complete political organization of the order from the primaries up.

A TERRIEIC explosion of gas took place in the No. 6 shaft of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Co., at Sugar Notch, Pa., killing one person, fatally injur-ing another, and wounding five more.

PRESIDENT CRESPO, of Venezuela, has issued a decree directing the erection of a bronze column in honor of the citizens of the United States who aided Venezuela in the first struggle for independence. Venezuela has honored United States before by erecting a statue of Washington and projecting another statue to President Monroe commemorative of the Monroe doc-

Giles mine, near Ward, Col., on the 3d, in which three men were instantly killed and two others badly hurt. When the men went to work they took about 50 pounds of giant powder down in the mine with them, and shortly after they reached the bottom of the shaft and went to work the powder in some unknown way exploded.

THE Butler express on the West Pennsylvania railway was wrecked near Freeport. Pa., on the 1st, and five persons were seriously injured. The accident was caused by the rails spreading. The two rear coaches jumped the track and went over an embankment. Fire broke out almost immediately and the passengers narrowly escaped with their lives.

By the fall of an iron truss at a pa vilion under course of erection at Union Hill, N. J., on the 1st, one man was killed, one probably fatally injured and two seriously injured. About 35 men were at work almost directly under the truss as it was being hoisted, when the derrick ropes broke and the iron fell with a crash

A NEGRO on a Chicago street car seized a woman's pocket-book and then jumped from the car. The woman screamed and the conductor and a number of passengers followed the negro. The latter soon saw that his escape was hopeless and, taking a razor from his pocket, he coolly faced his pursuers and drew the blade twice across his throat and died almost in-

THE steamer Lord Charlemont, which arrived at St. Johns, N. B., reported that it sighted a vessel showing signals of distress, but before it could reach her there was a sudden heavy glare of flame and then all became dark. No trace of the vessel could be found the next day.

THE four-story brick building at 124 and 126 Fulton street, Boston, has been

destroyed by fire. Loss, \$150,000. Fire at the Washburn and Moen plant at Quinsigamond, Mass., caused a loss of \$150,000. Two hundred men

will be thrown out of work by it.
S. B. ARCHER, of New York, secretary of the National Tariff Commission league, consulted Detroit convention promoters on the 5th regarding holding the national convention. The secretary predicted that at least 2,000 advocates of the removal of the tariff question from politics would attend the convention. Of upwards of 200 commercial bodies in the United States all but two had appointed delegates.

CARDINAL GIBBONS on the 5th at Baltimore, Md., gave out a lengthy appeal for arbitration instead of war, signed by himself and Cardinals Vaughan, of Westminister, and Logue, of Ireland. The document was the result of a correspondence upon the subject between Cardinal Gibbons and his colleagues whose names are affixed to the appeal, and was issued on Easter because of the appropriateness of the day.

A TERRIBLE fire has occurred at Manila, the capital of the Philippine islands, by which 4,000 houses were destroyed and 30,000 people left homeless.

A DISPATCH to the New York World on the 5th stated that England had concluded a treaty of alliance with

Ar the Clark street dime museum at Chicago on the 5th a fire broke out and at least 1,000 persons were panic-stricken and made a wild rush for the doors. There was also wild confusion among the freaks, but no one was particularly hurt.

FIRE at Saratoga, N. Y., on the 3d destroyed the Putnam music hall, Reeve's paint store and Scanlan's printing office. Loss, \$50,000.

REGISTERS and receivers of land offices at Crookston and Duluth, Minn., have been notified in a circular promulgated by the general land office that at nine o'clock Friday morning, May 15 next, is the hour of opening their offices for entries of Red Lake Indian reservation lands. These lands will be subject to the disposal of actual settlers only under the homestead law. Each settler is to pay \$1.25 per acre in five annual installments.

FIVE persons were overcome by coal gas in Capt. C. Johnson's house at Parkville, L. L. recently and Margaret Conoors will die as the result of inhalation of the fumes. The others were reported not out of danger. A defective flue was supposed to have caused the accident.

Just before dark the other night a bridge on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, near Shoals, Ind., was discovered to be on fire. Train No. 44 was due, and was heard approaching at a high rate of speed. With much presence of mind Mrs. Freeman took off her petticoat and, running up the track, waved it frantically. The engineer brought his train to a stand within a few yards of the burning bridge, thus preventing a horror.

EARLY on the morning of the 3d a boiler exploded at one of the Forest Oil Co.'s wells on the Thornburg farm in Robinson, a few miles from Pittsburgh, Pa., and Engineer Thomas was blown 100 feet and both arms and both legs were broken. He also re-ceived a terrible gash in the abdomen and was badly scalded. He will die.

SHERIFF W. O. GWYNNE was killed and John F. Madden fatally wounded at Concord, Ga., in an attempt to capture the Delk gang of outlaws. The desperadoes got away in the dark, but two posses were reported as being after them and it was said the outlaws would be lynched if caught.

A young negro, 18 years old, was morning of the 3d by a mob and lynched in front of the courthouse. The mob went to the sheriff's house, overpowered him with shotguns, marched him to the jail and forced him to open it. The men wore masks. The prisoner made an assault on a white lady near Plantersville a short time ago.

Five hundred mechanics employed on the big Siegel-Cooper building at New York went on strike recently because non-union cornice and skylight makers had been engaged.

An unknown negro boy, about 16 cears old, was found on the Texas & Pacific railway track, at Terrell, Tex., the other day, cut in two by a train. It was supposed that he was stealing

ONE thousand people surrounded the eity prison at Akron, O., recently and made threats against A. B. Strong, the suspected murderer of the Stones at Taimadge. The militis was put under arms at the armory and a force of police kept ready for action.

A DISPATCH from Boonville, Ky., on the 3d said in the cloudburst on Little Sexton and Buffalo creeks there were probably 16 drowned.

THE boiler of a saw mill exploded near Milford, O., on the 1st and two men were killed and three injured, one fatally and the others seriously.

THE closing down of the two great Eagle and Phoenix cotton mills at Columbus, Ga., throwing over 1,500 persons out of work, has caused much suffering and destitution among the people there and the situation was report-

ed as being serious. EDWARD CASKEY was killed and Joseph Welgand fatally injured at Victor, Col., by an explosion of giant powder which they were thawing at a fire on a mining claim on which they were working.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Divorced Wife of Judge Foster Dead. Mrs. Foster, divorced wife of Hon. C. G. Foster, United States district judge for the district of Kansas, died in the poor house in Atchison county the other day, where she had been an inmate for eight years. She at one time was one of the reigning society and literary leaders in Atchison, and was married to Judge Foster when he was a struggling young attorney and she a dashing widow. But trouble and a divorce followed years ago, and the judge over 20 years ago was happily married to a lady in Lawrence. The deceased was over 60 years of age.

After Insurance Companies.
The state superintendent of insurance has addressed a letter to the presidents of all the insurance companies doing business in Kansas, in which he informs them that he proposes to keep a record in his office for the use of the public; showing which companies pay up their losses promptly, and which ones delay and harass the insured by lawsuits and compromises. Mr. Anthony says the policy of many companies seems to be to resist paying losses and it is proper for the public to know who they are.

Stockmen Enter a Protest-

At a recent meeting of the Central Kansas Live Stock association at Emunjust and discriminating rates by railroads and asking for a radical readjustment and reduction. The meeting also decided that the railroad commissioners have permitted unnecessary delay in adjustment of these rates, and demanded that a prompt hearing be granted them, and a fair decision

Met Death in a Peculiar Manner. George Austin, of Kingman county,

George Austin, of Kingman county, was killed in a peculiar manner the other day. He had rushed to the home of his neighbor, which was on fire, to assist in saving the household effects. The heat was too intense to enter, and as Austin stood looking at the burning building a double-barreled shotgun, hanging on a rack in the household. hanging on a rack in the house, was discharged by the heat, the contents of both barrels entering his head and body.

The State's Finances.

The monthly examination of the state treasury for March showed \$1,172,524.34 cash on hand belonging to all accounts, of which \$372,830.74 was in the banks of Topeka and the remainder in the vaults of the treasury.

Of the cash on hand the largest item, Of the cash on hand the largest item year. Remember was \$680,596.76 belonging to the general revenue fund. Another big item was \$208,214.09 belonging to the permanent school fund.

He Populated a County. Samuel Cooper, a Pottawatomie county farmer, died recently at the age of 82 years. He was followed to the grave by 99 blood relatives. He was the father of 11 children, seven of whom are married and living in Potta- Hood's Pills the best family cathartic watomie county. He had 60 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

He had lived in Kansas since 1857.

A Lawyer's Downfall. Charles Conwell was recently arrested at Lawrence upon complaint of the police of Peoria, Ill., for forgery. Conwell is a lawyer and was United States district attorney for Wyoming under Hayes. He has a brother who is a leading lawyer in Chicago, and brotherin-law a member of congress. He attributes his downfall to drink.

A Probable Murder.

W. W. Huddleston, a farmer and stock raiser residing near Douglass, recently visited at Wichita and failing to return search was instituted. Sevtaken from jail at Tupelo, 80 miles eral days later his body was found in from Memphis, Tenn., early on the Walnut river with a bullet hole in his head. He had probably been robbed and murdered.

Her Question Soon Answered.

Mrs. George Carnegie and her daughter were recently standing in the door of her residence at Wichita watching a funeral procession passing the house when Mrs. Carnegie exclaimed: "Poor man, I wonder who will be next," and throwing up her hands, fell forward, and died immediately.

The State Debt.

The monthly report of the state treasurer shows the total bonded indebtedness of the state to be \$752,000, of which \$487,000 is held by the permanent school fund. Only \$256,000 of the bonds of Kansas are owned outside of the state.

Minor State News

William Pope, editor of the Topeka Call, died in that city the other day of small-pox.

The Kansas wheat acreage this year is estimated at 3,200,000 acres as against 4,172,000 last year.

The wife of Albert Bigelow Paine, the Fort Scott poet and author, has brought suit for divorce. The state school fund commissioners

have decided to invest the \$208,000 cash on hand in government bonds The law passed by the legislature in

1893, providing for the weekly payment of wages has been declared unconstitutional by Judge Alden in the district court of Wyandotte county.

The Northwest Kansas conference elected W. H. Sweet, of Salina, a. d E. W. Allen, of Mankato, ministerial delegates to the general conference at Cleveland, O. On the admission of women to the general conference the vote was almost unanimous in the af-

SCISSORED INFORMATION.

In the United States there are over 37,000 female telegraph operators

Weather bureaus are now in existence in every civilized nation in the world, including China and Japan.

Mrs. Ben Clemmons, of Breathitt county, Ky., is 35 years old and weighs a trifle over 400 pounds. She is still increasing in weight.

Joel Luman, of Burtonville, Ky., is six feet four inches tall and weighs 354 pounds, and he has a son and a daughter each exactly as tall as himself, though by no means so heavy.

Paris' fantastic fashion has now developed itself in the direction of lamp shades. They are made like ball dresse of lace and ribbons, with trails of

Mrs. Custer's favorite home is a sesluded log cabin near the Pocono river, seven miles from the Delaware water gap and "two and a half miles from a door bell." Here she finds it possible to do more writing in a day than in a week

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